GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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LOI HOLDERS BELONGING TO SC/ST CATEGORY
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that BPCL is harassing its pending Letter of Intent (LoI) holders belonging to SC/ST category and general category and not installing their retail outlets on the plea that the sales on the locations would be less than 200 Kls per month;

(b) if so, whether such previously issued LoI for the locations having sales less than 300 Kls would be cancelled;

(c) the number of existing retail outlets of BPCL in Northern region are selling less than 300 Kls per month, district-wise and state-wise;

(d) whether the dealerships of all such retail outlets would be terminated on this ground; and

(e) if not, the reasons for harassing the pending LoI holders on this ground?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHAPATEL)

(a)to(e); Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) has reported that the allotment and setting up of retail outlet (RO) dealerships are done only at locations having sufficient potential that are found to be economically viable, based on survey and feasibility studies. BPCL has also reported that the Corporation has not harassed any Letter of Intent (LOI) holder or received any complaint of harassment from any LOI holder. BPCL has not cancelled any RO after issuing LOI on the plea of having sales potential less than 200 KL per month or on the ground that the RO is selling less than 300 KL per month.

The state wise number of ROs belonging to BPCL in Northern Region selling less than 300 KL per month is annexed.